

Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission
Department/Agency Questionnaire
December 22, 2009

ARRA program: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Grant Program
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
U.S. Department of Justice

Project title: ICAC Task Force - HI

Award number: 2009-SN-B9-K004

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:

(a) A brief summary of the program/project, including goals;

In 2001, the Department of the Attorney General received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to establish an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to investigate and prosecute technology facilitated crimes against children, conduct forensic examinations, and provide community awareness programs concerning these crimes. Under the ARRA Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, existing task forces received specific sums of recovery funds. The Hawaii ICAC Task Force is using these funds to increase the Task Force's performance in (1) the effectiveness and efficiency of investigations and prosecutions of ICAC offenses; and (2) public awareness and prevention of ICAC offenses.

(b) Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis;

Formula/block grant.

(c) Whether matching funds are required, and, if so:

- (i) Are they available;**
- (ii) Have they been secured;**
- (iii) If they have not been secured, why not; and**
- (iv) Will the State be required to continue that match or provide increased/full funding in the future;**

Matching funds are not required.

(d) If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they;

None.

- (e) **The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended (e.g. SFY 2009-2010 or FFY 2009-2010);**

Amount of funds involved: \$463,917

The funds must be expended between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2013.

- (f) **What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them;**

Only agencies that currently receive funds under the U.S. Department of Justice ICAC Task Force Program were eligible to receive funds under this ARRA program. The ICAC Task Force helps prevent Internet crimes against children and bring perpetrators to justice by increasing public awareness and increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of investigations and prosecutions.

- (g) **Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies;**

None. The ICAC Task Force was established in 2001, and written agreements among the members are already in effect.

- (h) **The criteria used to select activities for the program/project;**

Under this program, activities must further the goals of maintaining or expanding the ICAC Task Force and improving its effectiveness to prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute technology-facilitated child exploitation and Internet crimes against children.

- (i) **Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why;**

None. Participation in the ICAC Task Force is limited to law enforcement agencies.

- (j) **Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;**

There was no bidding/award process because there are no sub-recipients.

- (k) Measures employed to: (1) reduce duplication of efforts, (2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and (3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;**

(1) The ICAC Task Force includes federal, state, and local agencies that investigate and prosecute Internet crimes against children in Hawaii. The members regularly meet and share information. There is no other ICAC Task Force in Hawaii.

(2) All of the Department's federal grant funds are coded to separate accounts. Charges to these accounts must go through several levels of approval, including the program manager, division supervisor, Administrative Services Officer, the Department's fiscal office, and the Department of Accounting and General Services Pre-Audit Branch. At each level, each charge is reviewed to ensure that it is appropriate for the specific account.

(3) Costs are monitored at the program level by the program manager and the Auditor assigned to the ICAC Task Force program. Further review is conducted by the Department's fiscal office and the Department of Accounting and General Services Pre-Audit Branch. Charges to the account must comply with any standards associated with the grant and with applicable State Procurement Office rules.

- (l) Current status of the program/project, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what part(s) of program/project have been completed; and**

The Department has hired a Deputy Attorney General to prosecute ICAC cases, and a Technical Support Assistant to assist unit personnel and Task Force members in technical areas.

- (m) Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/project, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of the program/project.**

Number of jobs created: 2

Long-term public benefits: Investigation, prosecution, and prevention of Internet crimes against children.

- 2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for a program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied.**

No other ARRA funds were available to support ICAC Task Force operations. Other ARRA grants related to Internet crimes against children were available (for example, the University of Hawaii received a grant to research and assess certain technology concerns), but these were not appropriate for the Department of the Attorney General. The Department brought the other ARRA grant opportunities to the attention of other agencies.

3. Please describe:

- (a) Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance, and reporting requirements;**
- (b) The effect of those barriers/constraints; and**
- (c) If and how they were mitigated.**

None.